

REMARKS

Prior to continuing examination of the above-captioned application, cancellation of claims 1-20 and entry of claims 21-32 is respectfully requested. The cancellation of claims 1-20 should not be considered an indication of Applicant's acquiescence as to the propriety of any objection or rejection made during the prosecution of the present application. Rather, new claims 21-32 recite combinations of subject matter similar to combinations previously recited in claims 1-20. However, Applicant has revised the claims to more clearly recite features of the invention to which the pending claims are directed.

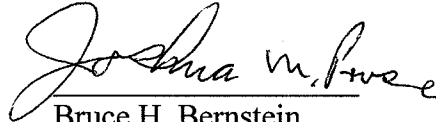
Applicant particularly notes that various of claims 1-20 were previously cancelled in response to representations by the Examiner that cancellation of such claims would place the remaining claims of the application in condition for allowance. Insofar as several such representations were subsequently withdrawn, claims similar to those cancelled in response to such representations are being added again for prosecution on the merits. That is, claims 21-32 recite combinations similar to claims 1-4 and 13-20 as presented previously.

The combinations of features recited in claims 21-32 are not disclosed, suggested or rendered obvious by the documents of record in the present application, whether such documents are considered alone or in any proper combination. Accordingly, entry of claims 21-32 and an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending is respectfully requested.

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Should there be any questions, any representative of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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